

FOLDING SPEECHES AND PAMPHLETS.

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Mr. HUGHES, of West Virginia, from the Committee on Accounts,
submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. No. 258.]

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. No. 258) authorizing the expenditure of not exceeding \$3,000, for the purpose of folding speeches and pamphlets, under the direction of the Doorkeeper of the House, have had the same under consideration and recommend its adoption.

This proposed expenditure is made necessary by reason of the large number of speeches to be delivered to the folding room during the coming summer. Already orders have been given for the printing of millions of copies of speeches recently delivered in the House, and with the speeches hereafter to be made and printed the aggregate number of speeches to be folded will reach an exceedingly large figure. The regular force of the folding room is inadequate to handle this immense increase of work. It has been the custom in the past, in what are known as "Presidential" and "Congressional" years, to employ an additional number of folders, but your committee believe the work can be done at much less expense than formerly by the adoption of the accompanying resolution, providing for the folding of speeches at a sum not exceeding \$1 per thousand and by limiting the amount of the total expenditure for this purpose to not exceeding \$3,000.

In the long session of the Fifty-seventh Congress \$7,000 was appropriated for the use of the Senate for the folding of speeches and pamphlets, in addition to the regular appropriation for the usual number of folders. It will be seen, therefore, that the expenditure of \$3,000 for this purpose, contemplated by the resolution reported herewith, is a reasonable allowance, and will effect a great saving by removing the necessity for the appointment of additional folders, as was the custom in former Congresses.

